

# THE GRANGE NEWSLETTER

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## A Word From Our Chairman

**CONGRATULATIONS!** The 11:00 am. opening has been successfully survived. Our summer attendance has soared, we have a ramp, a huge sign, and expect an extremely active autumn. Thank you for all the extra effort, and a special thank you to summer student, Caroline Ou, and regular student assistant, Asha Crogan, and the Gallery Volunteers from the Membership Desk.

The Peek Preview is our first major event. Billed as a Sneak Peek Preview to show the outline of the new gallery, we have been asked to present a special slide talk showing the archaeological discoveries made during the Stage III excavations.

Thursday, September 19, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, for Curators' Circle.

Friday, September 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, for Members.

Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

The slide talk is to be ten minutes long and given 3 times each day (only twice on Thursday). The artifacts will be on display in the Music Room. We will produce briefing notes for you and will post a sheet for you to sign up! The Gallery expects a massive turnout, especially on Friday and the weekend. They are speaking of 10,000! They also hope to have the link through the Atrium open so that visitors will stream through The Grange by the hundreds. This means we will need lots of you on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

In June, The Grange Executive approved that we examine the possibility of applying for a grant from the History of Ontario's Peoples Program, to create 4 new slide lectures for the new orientation room. It now appears that we will only get access to the new OR in September of 1992, and it will be in an unfinished state. Also, it would take 16 volunteer hours a week to write the lectures. So let us concentrate on increasing our numbers and our expertise and make change slowly!

I know that my fall will be busy - certainly yours is starting with a rush, but the Peek Preview replaces Celebration. Our own "Celebration" will be on December 5 and 6, with Professor Chalaupka's Celebrated Singers.

Hope to see all of you on September 30, at the training session, and at the luncheon/lectures.

I was going to conclude with some interesting tit bits about Henry John but will save them for a special sheet at a later date.

Don't forget to keep talking to me!

Diana





## GRANGE ANNUAL MEETING

The Grange Annual Meeting was held on May 6, and, as usual, was a very enjoyable occasion, with informative reports from the Executive, and delicious refreshments from Kettledrum. The Annual Meeting is a pleasant and painless way of making newcomers aware of all the activities in which they can participate at The Grange. It is also one of the few opportunities in the year for all Grangers to meet and mingle with their fellow volunteers. This year we were honoured that the new AGO Director, Dr. Glenn Lowry, was able to join us. He opened the meeting with a speech that must have warmed everyone's heart. For those unfortunates who were unable to attend, Dr. Lowry's speech follows:

"I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to greet all of you - The Grange Volunteers - who have done such an admirable job of keeping The Grange open and operating so efficiently for the past ten years. My only regret is that I am unable to stay and hear your annual reports and to chat with you individually.

I am familiar with the remarkable efforts made by a committee Chaired by volunteer Mrs. David Meltzer and later by Mary Alice Stuart, both of whom directed the restoration of The Grange through their vision, energy and fund-raising abilities - and it is a wonderful restoration. The Grange is a historic treasure, for the Gallery, the community and for all our visitors.

But it is you to-day who must be applauded for your dedication, keeping The Grange a living museum, the Housekeepers who maintain and care for the historic artifacts and dust so well the banisters, the Historic Interpreters who undertake on-going in depth training in order to provide our many visitors a memorable experience, the Educators, Researchers and Librarians who lead the training, provide information to the public, prepare lectures and talks, the Publicity and Promotion Chairman who ensures The Grange remains in the public eye, the Kettledrum ladies who provide the most sumptuous dinners and refreshments for the many and various entertainments and meetings, which take place in this beautiful house. I must not forget the sewing ladies who so skillfully dress you in the appropriate costumes of the period, the volunteer who adds colour to The Grange with arrangements of seasonal flowers or the Staffing Chairman who 'puts you all in place'.

Thank you to your Chairman, Marjorie Thomson, who has for the last two years been a most gracious Chatelaine. And welcome to Diana Weatherall your incoming Chairman, I look forward to working with you.

We are grateful to you for extending The Grange hours for the summer months, The Grange is going to be a major focus for our visitors and it is reassuring to know that they will receive a generous and well informed welcome."

The Board of Directors has the honor to acknowledge the many contributions of our members and the public at large in the past year. The financial results of the organization have been excellent, and we are confident that the future holds many more successes for us. We are particularly grateful for the support of our members, who have made it possible for us to carry out our mission with such effectiveness.

In the past year, we have achieved many milestones, including the completion of our major projects and the successful launch of our new initiatives. We have also been able to expand our reach and impact, reaching more people than ever before. This has been made possible by the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers, who have given us the strength to overcome all our challenges.

As we look ahead to the future, we are filled with optimism and confidence. We believe that our organization is well-positioned to continue to make a significant impact on the lives of the people we serve. We will continue to work hard to improve our services and to reach more people, and we are confident that our members and the public will continue to support us in our efforts.

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## THE GRANGE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE 1991 - 1992.

Chairman	Diana Weatherall
Costumes	Jean Gray
Education	Heather Kalil
Finance	Mary J. de Merindol
Flowers	Mary Aziz, Emmy Lind
Grange Housekeeping	Virginia Smith
Kettledrum	Nancy Lofft
Library	Ann Molesworth
Nominations	Marjorie Thomson
Program	Jane Heinemann
Publications & Research	Ann O'Brian
Publicity	Connie Masters
Slide Library	Anne Mills
Special Events	Elizabeth Chish
Staffing	Marguerite Larkin
Volunteer Training	Florence Watts
Member at Large.	Anne Hope-Brown

There are a number of changes from last year's Executive. Our new Chairman is Diana Weatherall. Heather Kalil takes on the responsibility of school tours, Jane Heinemann will be planning The Grange luncheon/lectures. Mary J. de Merindol will be balancing the budget, and Marguerite Larkin is responsible for enticing and interviewing new volunteers.





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## GRANGE TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT

Florence Watts, our Volunteer Training Chairman, never lets the grass grow under her feet, even during the summer holidays, and she has been busy planning interesting events to increase our interpretive skills.

She asks us to mark the following dates on our calendars:-

Monday, September 30 - A double header: At 4:00 pm, Donald Nethery, President of The Grange Historical Society, and Grange Board member, will take us on a walking tour of the area north of The Grange. Anyone who was on Mr. Nethery's tour for Grange volunteers last fall will vouch for what an interesting and erudite guide he is. Highly recommended.

5:30 pm, the usual light supper will be served followed by Renee Benn repeating her highly informative luncheon/lecture talk on the life of William Henry Boulton.  
A "MUST" for all volunteers.


Monday, November 4 - Phil Dunning, Material Culture Researcher, Canadian Parks Service, and supervisor, domestic interpretation at Upper Canada Village, will give a spirited discourse on the drinking habits and customs of the 19th century gentleman. The Bouldons had a wine cellar in The Grange which had to be sacrificed at restoration to provide a furnace room. Now we will find out what was stored in there, where it came from, how it was stored.  
5:30 pm.  
Preceded by the usual light supper.

Please watch the bulletin board in the staff room for further details, and for attendance list for your signature.

## A SPECIAL TREAT FOR GRANGE VOLUNTEERS - A VISIT TO ONE OF TORONTO'S SECRET PLACES

Florence Watts has arranged with Mr. Guy Saunders, owner of "Woodlawn", one of Toronto's oldest houses, for a tour of the house and garden on Wednesday, August 28 at 9:45 am. "Woodlawn" is at 35 Woodlawn Avenue, south of St. Clair, west of Yonge. It is not visible from the street, but is approached by a driveway between 33 and 37 Woodlawn. Please sign list on bulletin board if you will be coming.

AND DON'T FORGET THE GRANGE FALL LUNCHEON/LECTURES. DETAILS ON LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER.



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## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

### New faces at The Grange:

Tuesday: Helvi Hunter and Helen Myers  
Wednesday: Christine Taylor and Olga Stilos.  
Wednesday Evening: Susan Clapham-Ricardo  
Friday: Annamarie Patrick and Avril Stringer  
Saturday: Matina Katsasados and Rachel Lau  
Sunday: Karen Jackson  
Kettledrum: Penelope Nettlefold.

We wish them a long and happy association with The Grange.

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### Departing

Oriel Hoefenmayer, one of the longest serving volunteers. She has been with the house almost from its re-opening after restoration. The Saturday Grangers will miss Oriel very much. With her expert knowledge of antiques, her fluency in French, and her deft handling of visitors' questions, she will not easily be replaced.

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It is with sadness that we have to report the death of Jean Crosbie. For several years a Wednesday volunteer, she will be missed by all who knew her.

### CANDLES, THE CARE OF

On a dark and dreary afternoon or gloomy evening, candles add a lovely warm 19th century atmosphere to the house. But, great care is needed to prevent the disaster known as GUTTERING - the candle dissolves into a wavy blob all down the candlestick and onto whatever it is resting. Once witnessed, it is something one never forgets. Guttering happens when a candle flame is continually flickering. Stationary flames do not cause a candle to gutter.

The candles on the mantle in the young girl's bedroom, for instance, never flicker, and it is a safe place. Ditto the table in the morning room. There are many draughts blowing in the house, and it is not easy to find a safe place for a candle.

If you have to place a candle in a breezy spot, examine it at, say, 10-minute intervals, to determine it is not softening. There seems to be a perpetual gale blowing in the drawing room. Your editor has tried every possible location, and has been unable to locate a draught-free environment for a candle in this room.

Lastly, NEVER blow out a candle - the wax may spray in all directions, causing great unhappiness to the Housekeeping group. Use the snuffers - there is one on each floor.

